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My dear Anna,

I seem to have given up writing to you. Mother always doing so & here as everywhere time is precious. I suppose you know that Mother has not gone to Edinburgh as she dreaded the fatigue of the meetings & besides we have plenty to do in London & are just finding out how to do it. We really have done very little considering that we have been here now for two weeks & will probably have only about two more to us. As yet we hardly can tell you what

our summer plans are. Papa thinks
he wd like to remain here until
about the middle of May & we
will probably go to Edinburgh before
this & he will pick us up there -
After a few days more there together
we may go on to Torvie Barclay -
After Papa leaves we may remain
longer with Mrs Scott. return to
Edinburgh or perhaps join Mrs Crow
& girls who think of spending the
end of June at the Isle of Man. The
Crows have invited us to spend
July with them at Stoneleigh & if
we find that the Edinburgh people
or Mrs Primrose expect longer visits
than we have thought of perhaps
Mother may remain & I go to the
Crows as it wd be more lively
for me there I fancy. There will

only be two months & a half to provide for
I feel sure that this will not be
difficult to manage - Lane Campbell
was at lunch to-day & he thinks that
the Moncrieffs & Vic may sail in the
boat of the 24th too & this will make
our passage a much pleasanter one

But I must tell you of a charming
little excursion that Rankine & I
have had. This is you know
Easter week & of course it is the
correct thing for everyone to leave
town. Rankine was dining with us
on Good Friday & suggested that we
should go somewhere - Eastbourne
was proposed for the Kypers & Carrie
Crow we knew were there. So on
Saturday morning we started off &
got there in two hours time & found
all our friends. The hotel was full

but they got us rooms over a
shrimp shop & we took our meals at
the hotel. Mrs K. took us quite
under her wing & we found one
party sitting at a small table
by ourselves & having a most enjoyable
time. Miss Kuper is quite delicate
& Mrs K. not very energetic but Carrie
& Mr K. Frankine & I had some most
delightful long walks. One walk
was to Beachy Head & was one of the
pleasantest walks I have ever taken
along the side of the sea & then over
the downs. The weather was perfect
& we felt quite sorry to leave on
Monday evening. On Monday morning
Carrie & I went before breakfast to the
swimming bath & had such a pleasant
time. Salt water but heated & more
than twice as long as your two rooms -

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Shallow at one end & 6 ft 9 at the other. The whole bath is lined with white tiles. Warm salt water is certainly very pleasant. Eastbourne is now one of the fashionable sea-side places & I am very glad to have seen it for it is the only one that I have seen. Besides it was so nice to go where we met friends & friends, too, who seemed really pleased at our appearance. Mr. Kuper lunched here to-day en route to L'pool. He sails for America this week.

All day yesterday we spent in shopping & succeeded in getting a few things. To-morrow we hope to do the same & are therefore writing this evening. We have ordered of Egerton Burnett cloth for your dress, also one for me, also that grey coarse material you wanted &

another pattern for dresses for the little girls & we wrote for samples & received several large books containing almost everything so found this the easiest & cheapest way of getting these things. We have also got your shoes & petticoat & stockings.

We find these lodgings very comfortable & certainly less expensive than the hotel we were in when here in autumn. We pay £5.0.0 per week for the rooms which are very comfortable. This price includes all extras except our food. I find that our weekly bill for food comes to about £2-10. not more & we have lived very well & had Cranbline almost every day & others occassionally. I don't know whether these

particulars interest you. The rooms
are of course cleared during the
season.

But I must close now for it is late
I wish we could send you some of the
primroses & violets that are so
abundant here

Mother sends her love to you & the
children & with love for myself

Believe me

very affectionately yrs
Eva.